iii. Standards for male and female sterilization have been published by the Govt, of India and circulated to government hospitals in the country.

iv. Instructions have been issued to all state governments to ensure that the doctors who perform sterilization are adequately trained and proper procedures followed.

v. Quarterly reports of failure of sterilization cases are collected by the Govt, of India from the respective states.

HIV/AIDS in NER

57. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of HIV/AIDS cases are reported in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details of the affected people in Assam, during the last three years; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to control further spread of this disease in the NER, particularly in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per the reports received from States, the number of reported AIDS cases in the State of Assam are as follows:

Year 2000: 50
Year 2001: 51
Year 2002: 29

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in the North Eastern Region, Govt, of India has launched a comprehensive programme as a centrally sponsored scheme with the following components:—

(i) Reducing the spread of HIV in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

(ii) Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaigns, provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood transfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

(iii) Providing financial assistance for treatment of opportunistic infections, home and community based care.

The number of Targeted Intervention (Tl) Projects for high risk groups, clinics for Sexually Transmitted Infections, blood banks, voluntary counselling and testing centres and community care centres in operation in North-Eastern Region is annexed as statement *(see* below)

(iv) Strengthening technical, managerial, and financial sustainability at the State level by establishing State AIDS Control Societies in the North Eastern Region;

(v) Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sectors by encouraging public-private partnerships.

Statement

Statues of Tl Projects, Blood Banks, VCTCs and Community Care Centres in North East Region

SI. No	States Project	Tl	STI Clinics	Blood Bank	VCTC	Community Care Centers
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	2	6	16	4	-
2.	Assam	18	15	21	9	-
3.	Manipur	16	9	11	9	5
4.	Meghalaya	2	6	3	1	-
5.	Mizoram	22	8	6	5	-

SI. No	States	Tl Project	STI Clinics	Blood Bank	VCTC	Community Care Centers
6.	Nagaland	16	8	12	10	2
7.	Sikkim	3	3	4	1	-
8.	Tripura	6	3	7	1	-
	TOTAL:	85	58	80	40	7

Tl - Targeted Intervention
STI - Sexually Transmitted Infections
VCTC - Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre

Health Schemes in Assam

58. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the health schemes formulated and being implemented by Government in Assam;

(b) the details of the financial allocation made for various schemes in the State during the last five years, till-date;

(c) whether the allocated amount for various health schemes has not been spent by the State Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored National Health Programmes for control of major diseases like Malaria, Leprosy, TB, Blindness and AIDS in different States/UTs in the country including Assam. Financial assistance provided to Assam during the last five years is given in the Statement. *{See* below)

(c) and (d) By and large the allocated amount has been utilised by the State Government.